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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

MILLER, TERESA ANN

REF STATE 194199

1. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS: PER EMBASSY FILES, MILLER ALLEGED AT TIME OF FIRST CONOFF VISIT OF SEPT. 30, 1974, THAT SHE HAD TRIED TO CONTACT EMBASSY AT TIME OF ARREST SEPT. 27 AND WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO DO SO. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT MILLER HAD BEEN ARRESTED. DATE SUCH NOTIFICATION WAS MADE IS NOT RECORDED IN FILES, BUT ON OCT. 22 SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO SEE CONSUL FOR 3 OR 4 DAYS. DENIAL OF EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS OF CONTINUING CONCERN, AND EMBASSY IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM.

2. ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT WHILE IN PRISON: PER EMBASSY FILES, MILLER ALLEGED ON OCT. 22, 1974 THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A MATTRESS FOR NINE DAYS UPON ARRIVAL AT PRISON. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED IN PRISON. SINCE MILLER DOES NOT CONSIDER INCIDENT MISTREATMENT, NO EMBASSY ACTION APPEARS NECESSARY.

3. INACTION BY ATTORNEY: PER EMBASSY FILES, MILLER ALLEGED IN A LETTER TO HER MOTHER RECEIVED BY EMBASSY WITH CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY OF MAY 8, 1975 THAT HER LAWYER LIC. HEREDIA "TOOK ALL HER EXTRA MONEY AND DID NOTHING."
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EMBASSY REPORT OF ARREST TO DEPT DATED OCT. 4,

1974, INDICATES MILLER WAS GIVEN LIST OF ATTORNEYS.
HEREDIA NOT ON LIST. CONOFF WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH
MILLER TO DETERMINE IF ANY ACTION AGAINST HEREDIA FEASIBLE
AND DESIRABLE. MILLER ASKED CONOFF ON APRIL 30, 1975
TO ARRANGE FOR HER TO HAVE A PUBLIC DEFENDER. PUBLIC
DEFENDER WAS APPOINTED SOMETIME BEFORE CONOFF VISIT OF
AUGUST 29, 1975 ACCORDING TO FILES. MILLER HAS SINCE
EMPLOYED ANOTHER PRIVATE ATTORNEY LIC. FRANCISCO LOPEZ
PORTILLO.

4. PROLONGED TRIAL DETENTION: FILES INDICATE THAT MILLER
HAS BEEN IMPRISONED 14 MONTHS WITHOUT BEING SENTENCED.
THIS PROBABLY DUE TO INACTIVITY OF FIRST ATTORNEY, PERIOD
WITHOUT REPRESENTATION AND DISMISSAL OF SECOND ATTORNEY.
PROTEST DOES NOT APPEAR WARRANTED.
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